

GRANBY COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: October 20, 2021

Location: COA Lunchroom

Members Present: Bob Camus – Chairperson
Lillian Camus – Secretary
Ann Boutot – Member
Barbara Hauschild – Member
Janet Montemagni - Member
Carol Morrissette - Member
Joyce Polverini – Member
Elinor White - Member
Carol Zebrowski – Member
Don Zebrowski – Member
Julie Duffe – Affiliate Member

Absent:

Others: Lisa Petraglia, Interim COA Director

Bob Camus called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and roll call was taken.

Approval of September 15, 2021 minutes

Bob Camus asked if there were any changes to the September 15, 2021 minutes. Hearing none,

Motion was made Barbara Hauschild seconded by Carol Zebrowski to approve the September 15, 2021 minutes. Motion carried 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Ann Boutot)

Report from COA Director

Lisa reviewed September 2021 accounting and activities.

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 - Expenses included restocking of office supplies, inspection sticker for one of the vans, the stipend for one yoga class, the balance due for the ice cream truck social, restocking the food pantry and the lease on the printer.
 - Income included fares from the shuttle runs, donations to the Senior Fuel Fund, General Gift, Newsletter Fund, Food Pantry and Thanksgiving Basket Fund.
 - Food Service had increases in Brown Bag (2) and Grocery Delivery (1). Decreases were seen in Bread (7), Pantry (4) and Pantry Under 65 (1).
 - Transportation had an increase in Miscellaneous Trips (4).
 - Support Services had increases in Medical Equipment (2), Wellness Calls (26) and Phone Calls (33). A decrease was seen in Outreach/SHINE (1).

Lisa noted they were beginning to use Richie Gaj more as a driver if there is a need to use the wheelchair van.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Appointment of New Officers

Bob Camus informed the Board that new officers need to be appointed and that all seats are open. Current officers are Bob Camus, Chair, and Lillian Camus, Secretary.

According to our Bylaws, there are two empty Vice Co-Chair seats. Bob Camus asked if anyone was interested in the open seats.

After discussion

Motion was made by Don Zebrowski and seconded by Ann Boutot for Bob Camus as Chair, Carol Zebrowski and Barbara Hauschild as Vice Co-Chairs and Lillian Camus as Secretary. Motion carried 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

Food Pantry Use for under 65

Lisa Petraglia explained she has been working with Granby-to-go and Neighbors Helping Neighbors to help get food to folks under 65 in need.

Brown Bag Day is always the third Tuesday of the month. Monthly we will have a produce and dairy van here in conjunction with Brown Bag Day. This past Tuesday 34 families were served.

Lunch Program

West Mass Eldercare has received a multitude of complaints about the food that was being served for lunches. As a result, they decided to terminate the contract with the current caterer which will end on November 19. West Mass Eldercare has asked the COAs to pause offering lunches from Thanksgiving week to the end of November. The new caterer will start delivering lunches on Monday, December 6, 2021.

We will stay at three days a week serving lunch until requests for lunches increase.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Lisa Petraglia explained there will be a turkey shortage this year. She has contacted Big Y, Arnolds Meats and Restaurant Depot for bulk pricing. Big Y is not doing a bulk purchase program this year due to supply issues.

Lisa noted last year we served about 80 people. Twenty-nine of the 80 were not related to the senior center as the requests came from the school.

Julie Duffe has secured 70 insulated bags from Florence Bank for the Thanksgiving Baskets.

Assembly of the Thanksgiving Baskets will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 18 at the COA.

Carol Zebrowski asked if the folks on the brown bag list are on the list for a Thanksgiving Basket. Lisa responded they are as well as folks who use the food pantry and senior fuel assistance.

Elinor White noted South Hadley limited the eligible people to just the fuel assistance folks as they knew they were in need.

Julie Duffe suggested contacting Stop & Shop for the turkeys. Lisa noted Neighbors Helping Neighbors usually get turkeys from Stop & Shop. She will check with them first before asking in order to not double dip.

Items still needed for the Thanksgiving Baskets are 14 oz. cans of cranberry sauce, 15 oz cans of yams, some boxed stuffing mix.

Lisa will check with Neylon Insurance to see if they are willing to donate food as they have in the past.

Elinor White asked if a note was put in the bag noting the Thanksgiving Baskets were provided by and if you want to send a thank you here's the address. Both Lisa and Joyce Polverini confirmed a note is included in each bag.

Increasing Senior Participation at COA

Don Zebrowski suggested Board members brainstorm to help Lisa find ways to we get seniors back to the COA.

Lillian Camus suggested having bingo more than once a month and maybe at different days.

Elinor White suggested Trivia interacting between other COAs.

Newsletter Assembly

Lisa noted newsletter assembly will take place on Tuesday, October 26 at 10 a.m. in the lunchroom.

Water Quality Issue

Lisa Petraglia reported that as of October 1 the town let the prior testing company they had used for years go. A new company was hired as of October 1. It's too soon to know testing results.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the COA Board will be held on November 17, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

Motion made by Don Zebrowski and seconded by Carol Morrissette to adjourn at 10:54 a.m.. Approved unanimously by all members present.

I, Lillian Camus, certify that these minutes are true and accurate minutes of the October 20, 2021 Granby Council on Aging Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Lillian Camus, Secretary

Documents Reviewed at Meeting:

- September 15, 2021 Draft Meeting Minutes
- Financials and Accounting for September